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A SERIES of informal meetings were held during the Summer of 1872, for the purpose of forming an Association of individuals interested in Sanitary studies. The following gentlemen took part in these preliminary meetings, and became members of the organization, viz.: CHARLES F. CHANDLER, Ph. D., CARL PFEIFFER, AUGUSTUS VIELE, M. D., ELISHA HARRIS, M. D., STEPHEN SMITH, M. D., EDWARD H. JANES, M. D., CHARLES P. RUSSEL, M. D., HENRY R. STILES, M. D., NICHOLAS L. CAMPBELL, M. D., ADONIRAM B. JUDSON, M. D.

The Association was formally organized by the adoption of a Constitution and the election of officers, Aug. 15, 1872.

CONSTITUTION.

Title.

I.—This Association shall be called “THE PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK.”

Objects.

II.—The objects of this Association shall be the advancement of sanitary science and the promotion of organizations and measures for the practical application of public hygiene.

Membership. *

III.—The Association shall consist of Active and Corresponding members. They shall be selected with special reference to their acknowledged interest in, or devotion to, sanitary studies and allied sciences, and to the practical applications of the same. They shall be elected as follows:

Each candidate for membership shall be proposed in writing by a member of the Association to the Committee on Membership, with a statement of the business or profession, and special qualifications of the person so proposed; on recommendation of a majority of the Committee, and on receiving a vote of two-thirds of the active members present at a regular meeting, the candidate shall be declared duly elected a member of the Association.

Each candidate elected to active membership shall pay into the Treasury one year's annual due before being entitled to the privileges of a member. The annual due shall be two dollars.

Corresponding members shall not be called upon for dues or assessments of any kind, neither shall they be entitled to vote.

Officers.

IV.—The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer.

The President and Secretaries shall be elected for a term of two years; all other officers shall be elected annually.

Presiding Officer.

V.—The President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President, or, in their absence, a Chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He shall preserve order, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the Association. He shall also appoint all Committees authorized by the Association, unless otherwise specially ordered.

Recording Secretary.

VI.—The Recording Secretary shall have the charge of the Records and other property of the Association. He, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Association. He shall, under the direction of the Committee on Meetings, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Association, and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Association, and shall give notice to the several officers, and to the Executive and other Committees, of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Association, affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties.

Corresponding Secretary.

VII.—The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all the correspondence of the Association not otherwise provided for.

Treasurer.

VIII.—The Treasurer shall collect and take charge of the funds and securities of the Association. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums only as may be ordered by the Associa-

tion, or by the Executive Committee. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and, at each annual meeting, render the same to the Association, when a Committee shall be appointed to audit his accounts. If, from the annual report of the Treasurer, there shall appear to be a balance against the treasury, no appropriation of money shall be made for any object but the necessary current expenses of the Association, until such balance shall be paid.

Committees.

IX.—There shall be an Executive Committee, a Committee on Meetings, a Committee on Membership, and ten Standing Committees, as follows:

- I.—A Committee on Prevailing Epidemics.
- II.— " " " the Sanitary Condition of New York and vicinity.
- III.— " " " Public Sanitary Administration.
- IV.— " " " Ventilation.
- V.— " " " Disinfection.
- VI.— " " " Public Sewerage and Drainage.
- VII.— " " " House Drainage and Water Service.
- VIII.— " " " Dwellings.
- IX.— " " " Food Adulteration.
- X.— " " " Quarantine.

Executive Committee.

X.—The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Recording Secretary, and one member annually elected by ballot. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to consider and recommend plans for promoting the objects of the Association; to authorize the disbursement and expenditure of unappropriated moneys in the treasury for the payment of current expenses, and, generally, to superintend the interests of the Association, and execute all such duties as may, from time to time, be committed to them by the Association.

Committee on Meetings.

XI.—The Committee on Meetings shall be appointed at the first regular meeting in each year. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Meetings to arrange the order in which the Standing Committees shall report; to select subjects for the consideration of the Association, and to report at each regular meeting a subject or subjects to be discussed at the next regular meeting. The acceptance of their report shall constitute the programme therein presented the regular order of business for the next regular meeting.

Committee on Membership.

XII.—The Committee on Membership shall be appointed at the first regular meeting in each year, with power to add to its number. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Membership to take such measures as may be best calculated to increase the membership of the Association; to consider all applications for membership, and, at the regular meetings, report the names of such candidates as a majority shall approve.

Standing Committees.

XIII.—The Standing Committees shall be appointed at the first regular meeting in each year, with power to add to their number. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committees to report at least twice in each year, and in such order as the Committee on Meetings shall decide, but it shall be in order for the Standing Committees to bring to the notice of the Association anything which they may deem of interest, when opportunity shall be given by the Chair.

Meetings.

XIV.—The time and place of each annual meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Regular meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month. Special meetings may be called at any time or place by concurrence

of two-thirds of the Executive Committee. There shall be no election of officers or members, or change of Constitution, or appropriation of money to exceed the amount at that time in the treasury, at such special meeting, except by a two-thirds vote of all the active members of the Association.

Order of Business.

XV.—The Order of Business at all meetings of the Association shall be fixed by the Committee on Meetings, and such order must be completed before any other business is introduced, except such order of business is suspended by a vote of four-fifths present.

Alteration of Constitution.

XVI.—No alteration in the Constitution of the Association shall be made, except at a regular meeting, and unless such alteration shall have been proposed at a previous meeting, and entered on the minutes, with the name of the member proposing the same, and shall be adopted by a vote of four-fifths of the Active members present.

PAPERS READ BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION.

- “Sanitary Legislation in England and in New York.”
Dorman B. Eaton, Esq.
- “The Recent Epizoötic among Horses in New York.”
Alex. F. Liautard, M. D.
- “The Conveyance of Influenza, Yellow Fever and Cholera.”
John C. Peters, M. D.
- “The Causes, and Measures of Prevention, of the High Death Rate of New York during the Summer Quarter.”
Stephen Smith, M. D.
- “The Air of Our Dwellings.” Carl Pfeiffer, Esq.
- “Infantile Diet in Summer.” A. Jacobi, M. D.
- “Syphilis in Infants, following Circumcision.” R. W. Taylor, M. D.
- “The Sewage Question, and the Dry Earth Method of Treating Refuse.” Samuel Leavitt, Esq.
- “Deep Drainage in New York City.” A. Viele, M. D.
- “Pettenkofer’s Theories concerning Cholera.” Max Herzog, M. D.
- “Necropyrotechny and its Alternatives.” George Bayles, M. D.
- “The Recent Prevalence of Roseola in New York.” J. Lewis Smith, M. D.
- “The Recent Epizoötic among Horses, commonly called Pink-eye.” Alex. F. Liautard, M. D.
- “The Necessity of further Concentrating and Regulating the Slaughtering of Animals in the City of New York.” Stephen Smith, M. D.

- "A New Method of Determining Percentages of Carbolic Acid." Elwyn Waller, E. M.
- "The Relations of the Sanitary Inspector to the Medical Profession." A. B. Judson, M. D.
- "The Causes and Nature of Diphtheria, with a Review of the Bacterian Theory." J. Lewis Smith, M. D.
- "The Public Sanitary Control of Diphtheria." George Bayles, M. D.
- "Facts in the History of Diphtheria in this City and in our Country." Elisha Harris, M. D.
- "Sanitary House Drainage." James C. Bayles, Esq.
- "Improved Dwellings for the Middle and Laboring Classes of New York." Stephen Smith, M. D.
- "Waste and Soil Pipes." James C. Bayles, Esq.
- "The History and Causes of Diphtheria." John C. Peters, M. D.
- "The Nature of the Diphtheritic Poison and its Control by so-called Disinfectants." Beverley Robinson, M. D.
- "Malaria." Charles P. Russel, M. D.
- "The Sanitary Aspects of City Sewerage." Charles J. Moore, Esq.

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